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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: George Tzertzinis, George Feehery, Corinna Tuckey, Christopher Noren, and Larry McReynolds

Application No.: 10/622,240

Group No.: 1633

Filed: 07/18/2003

Examiner: Popa

For: Methods and Compositions Relating to Gene Silencing

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. Small entity status was asserted by payment of the small entity application fees on July 18, 2003.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***

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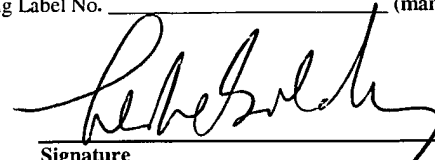
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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	53	— 53	= 0	x \$ 25.00	= \$	0.00	
INDEP.	10	— 10	= 0	x \$ 100.00	= \$	0.00	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$	0.00	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$	0.00	


No additional fee for claims is required.

### FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If an additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 14-0740.

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2006, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-20 and 47, without traverse. The species elections are as follows: (A), claim 4; (B), claims 5 and 7; (C), claim 9; (D), claim 14; and (E) claim 18. Claims 21-46 have been withdrawn without prejudice. The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this response. The Conclusion section appears on page 13.